



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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July 21, 2009

# ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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JULY 21, 2009

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF  
FIFTEEN (15) PUMPER-TYPE FIRE APPARATUS AND TWO (2) QUINT-TYPE AERIAL  
LADDER APPARATUS  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approve the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County's (District's) request to authorize the acquisition of fifteen (15) pumper-type fire apparatus and two (2) quint-type aerial ladder apparatus. A pumper-type fire apparatus costs approximately \$380,000 and a quint-type aerial ladder apparatus costs approximately \$830,000. This purchase exceeds the \$250,000 fixed asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to move forward with the solicitation and acquisition process.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR HONORABLE BOARD, ACTING AS THE  
GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS  
ANGELES COUNTY:**

1. Approve the District's request and authorize the Purchasing Agent to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition of fifteen (15) pumper-type fire apparatus.

SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

AGOURA HILLS  
ARTESIA  
AZUSA  
BALDWIN PARK  
BELL  
BELL GARDENS  
BELLFLOWER  
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DUARTE  
EL MONTE  
GARDENA  
GLENDALE  
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HAWTHORNE

HIDDEN HILLS  
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NORWALK  
PALMDALE  
PALOS VERDES ESTATES  
PARAMOUNT  
PICO RIVERA

POMONA  
RANCHO PALOS VERDES  
ROLLING HILLS  
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES  
ROSEMEAD  
SAN DIMAS  
SANTA CLARITA

SIGNAL HILL  
SOUTH EL MONTE  
SOUTH GATE  
TEMPLE CITY  
WALNUT  
WEST HOLLYWOOD  
WESTLAKE VILLAGE  
WHITTIER

2. Approve the District's request and authorize the Purchasing Agent to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition of two (2) quint-type aerial ladder apparatus.
3. Find that these purchases are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The District has a 20 year replacement plan for fire apparatus, consisting of 15 years of front line service and 5 years of reserve service. A pumper-type fire apparatus provides structural and wildland fire suppression and emergency medical response capabilities. A quint-type aerial apparatus provides the ability to perform as both a fire suppression pumper and aerial ladder truck. The acquisition will allow us to maintain our current replacement schedule for these apparatus.

In addition, both apparatus types will have enclosed cabs, improved firefighter safety features, cost effective components to reduce annual operating costs and higher efficiency, lower emission diesel engines. These features will allow us to continue providing prompt, skillful and cost-effective fire protection and life safety services.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This purchase supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal #1, Operational Effectiveness, by enhancing the quality and productivity of the District's emergency services; and Goal #5, Public Safety, by increasing the safety and security of all residents in Los Angeles County.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total estimated cost of the fifteen pumper-type fire apparatus is \$5,700,000 and the total estimated cost of the two quint-type aerial ladder apparatus is \$1,660,000. The District's 2009-10 budget includes sufficient funding for the purchase of the apparatus.

The maintenance of both types of apparatus will be funded from the District's Operating Budget. There is no impact on net County cost.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The nature of response requirements, firefighting and automotive technology, and accepted National Fire Protection Agency requirements have changed dramatically over the last 20 years and the new apparatus will be significantly more efficient and effective than the apparatus they are replacing.

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy whereby departments must obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions to the Purchasing Agent.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through, and accomplished by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The acquisition of both types of apparatus is exempt from CEQA and will not result in a direct or reasonable foreseeable impact on the environment in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the State of California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Both apparatus will greatly enhance the District's ability to protect lives, the environment, and property in a safer, more efficient, and cost effective manner.

### **CONCLUSION**

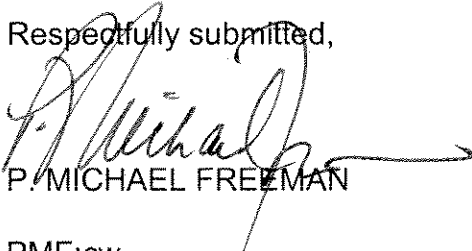
Upon approval by your Board, please instruct the Executive Officer to return adopted copies of this letter to:

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Materials Management Division  
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Commerce, Ca 90040  
Attention: James Ealey, Division Chief
3. Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County  
Fire Fleet Services Division  
5801 S. Eastern Avenue Suite 100  
Commerce, CA 90040  
Attention: Craig Weeks, Division Chief
4. Joe Sandoval, Acting General Manager  
Purchasing & Contracts Service  
Internal Services Department  
1100 N. Eastern Avenue, Suite 200  
Los Angeles, CA 90063

Respectfully submitted,



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Acting County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller  
Internal Service Department  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors